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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Continued Prosecution Application of

Werner RAHMFELD et al.

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For: Method and Device for Producing Thin Slabs

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R:

Applicants hereby request a four-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set for filing an Appeal Brief in support of the Notice of Appeal dated April 30, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,440 in payment of the government fee for a four-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows: